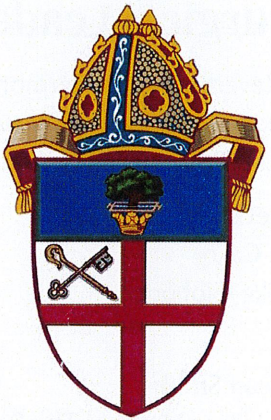
Ordination and Consecration of
The Venerable Kathryn Anne Otley
as a Bishop in the Church of God
and her Seating as the 11th Bishop of Ottawa



Saturday | May 9th, 2026 | 10.30 am
Commemoration of Julian of Norwich (tr)
Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa

Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.
May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral

Thank you for joining in this celebration!

Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance and can ensure that communion is brought to you in the pew if required.

Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

All are welcome at the festive reception following the service.

Liturgical Leaders

Presiding Celebrant | The Most Reverend Anne Germond | *Metropolitan of Ontario*
Concelebrants | The Most Reverend Shane Parker | *Primate of All Canada*
| The Right Reverend Kathryn Otley | *Bishop of Ottawa*

Dean | The Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaff
Deacon | The Reverend Dr. Jarrett Carty
Preacher | Lt Col the Reverend Mike Gibbons
Reader | Kate Jordan

Presenters | Sharon Hamilton | Susan Smith
| The Reverend Canon Hilary Murray | The Reverend Canon Gary van der Meer

Chancellors | Canon Henry Schultz | *Diocese of Ottawa*
| Canon Greg Tweney | *Province of Ontario*
Prolocutor | Laura Walton | *Province of Ontario*

Metropolitan's Chaplain | Lt (N) the Reverend Katherine Walker
Primate's Chaplain | The Reverend Canon Doug Richards

Drummer | Timothy Erkloo
Music Directors | James Calkin | Andrew McAnerney
Singers | The Cathedral Lay Clerks | Girls Choir | Boys Choir
Organist | Nick Veltmeyer
Violin | Ellen Allers

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude | *Interlude for a Festival* | *Healey Willan*

Inuit Drumming

Hymn 384 | *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.
May he fill our hearts with joy.

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, look favourably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery. By the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation. Let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading | *Wisdom 7.21–30* | *Read in French*

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

I learned both what is secret and what is manifest, for wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me. There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle. For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm | *103:1-4, 13-18*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all the benefits of the Lord. The Lord forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities; redeeming your life from the grave and crowning you with mercy and loving-kindness. As parents care for their children, so do you, O Lord, care for those who fear you. For you yourself know whereof we are made; you remember that we are but dust. Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field; when the wind goes over it, it is gone, and its place shall know it no more. But your merciful goodness endures for ever on those who fear you, and your righteousness on children's children; on those who keep the covenant and remember the commandments and do them.

Holy Gospel | *John 14:8-11*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.'

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Motet | *All shall be well* | *Sarah Quartel*

I give this song to you and the giving fills me. I sing this song for you and in singing heal myself. Through every darkness, every ray of shining light, I know all shall be well. I sing with love for you and the loving fills me. I sing with joy for you and feel joyfulness myself. Through every darkness, every ray of shining light, I know all shall be well. In being open and giving I see the beauty around me. The quiet star I carry reflecting love and I shine! All shall be well.

The Ordination and Consecration of a Bishop

The Presentation

All remain seated while representatives of the diocese present the Bishop-Elect:

Anne, bishop in the Church of God, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ottawa, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, have chosen Kathryn Anne Otley to be a bishop and chief pastor. We therefore ask you to lay your hands upon her and in the power of the Holy Spirit to consecrate her a bishop in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

The Archbishop then directs that testimonials of the election be read by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Ottawa and the Provincial Chancellor. After the testimonials are read, the Archbishop requires the following promise from the Bishop-Elect:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I, Kathryn Anne Otley, chosen bishop of the Church and see of Ottawa, solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; I do solemnly promise to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Anglican Church of Canada; and I do pledge myself to render due obedience to the Metropolitan of Ontario and to her successors. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

The Bishop-Elect signs this declaration, and witnesses add their signatures.

Motet | *Vidi aquam* | *Michael McCarthy*

Vidi aquam egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, et omnes ad quos pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt, confitemini Domino, quoniam bonus, Alleluia. | I saw water flowing out of the temple, from its right side, and all to whom this water came were saved, give thanks to the Lord for he is good, Alleluia.

All stand. The Archbishop then asks the response of the people:

Siblings in Christ Jesus, you have heard testimony given that Kathryn Anne Otley has been duly and lawfully elected to be a bishop of the Church of God to serve in the Diocese of Ottawa. You have been assured of her suitability and that the Church has approved her for this sacred responsibility. Nevertheless, if any of you know any reason why we should not proceed, let it now be made known.

If no objections are made, the Archbishop continues:

Is it your will that we ordain Kathryn a bishop?
It is.

Will you uphold Kathryn as bishop?
We will.

The Examination

All sit. The Bishop-Elect stands facing the Bishops, who gather around the Archbishop. The Archbishop addresses the Bishop-Elect:

Kathryn, the people have chosen you and have affirmed their trust in you by acclaiming your election. A bishop in God's holy Church is called to be one with the apostles in proclaiming Christ's resurrection and interpreting the Gospel, and to testify to Christ's sovereignty as Lord of lords and King of kings.

You are called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church; to celebrate and to provide for the administration of the sacraments of the New Covenant; to ordain priests and deacons and to join in ordaining bishops; and to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.

With your fellow bishops you will share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world. Your heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope. Your joy will be to follow him who came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Are you persuaded that God has called you to the office of bishop?
I am so persuaded.

The following questions are then addressed to the Bishop-Elect by one or more of the other Bishops:

Will you accept this call and fulfill this trust in obedience to Christ?
I will obey Christ, and will serve in his name.

Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the study of Holy Scripture, that you may have the mind of Christ?
I will, for he is my help.

Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people?
I will, in the power of the Spirit.

As a chief priest and pastor, will you encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, nourish them from the riches of God's grace, pray for them without ceasing, and celebrate with them the sacraments of our redemption?
I will, in the name of Christ, the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.

Will you guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church of God?
I will, for the love of God.

Will you share with your fellow bishops in the government of the whole Church; will you sustain your fellow presbyters and take counsel with them; will you guide and strengthen the deacons and all others who minister in the Church?
I will, by the grace given me.

Will you be merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper?
I will, for the sake of Christ Jesus.

All stand. The Archbishop then says:

Kathryn, through these promises you have committed yourself to God, to serve his Church in the office of bishop. We therefore call upon you, chosen to be a guardian of the Church's faith, to lead us in confessing that faith.

The Bishop-Elect leads the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Consecration

The Scriptures tell us that our Saviour Christ spent the whole night in prayer before he chose and sent forth his twelve apostles. Likewise, the apostles prayed before they appointed Matthias to be one of their number. Let us, therefore, follow their examples, and offer our prayers to Almighty God before we ordain Kathryn for the work to which we trust the Holy Spirit has called her. Let us pray.

The people kneel. All the Bishops join the Archbishop around the Bishop-Elect as the litany is sung.

Litany of the Saints | *Becker | Adapted for the Diocese of Ottawa*

Lord, have mercy. ***Lord, have mercy****. Christ, have mercy.* ***Christ, have mercy.*** *Lord, have mercy.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

Mary the Virgin, ***pray for us.*** *Bartholomew and Michael,* ***pray for us.*** *Columba and Julian,* ***pray for us.*** *Clare and John the Baptist,* ***pray for us.*** *Bernard and Patrick,* ***pray for us.*** *Barnabas and Helen,* ***pray for us.*** *Bede and Stephen,* ***pray for us.*** *Alban and Thomas,* ***pray for us. All you holy men and women, pray for us.***

Paul and Lawrence, ***pray for us.*** *Margaret and Aidan,* ***pray for us****. Anthony and Clement,* ***pray for us.*** *Mary Magdalene,* ***pray for us.*** *James and George,* ***pray for us.*** *John, Apostle and Evangelist,* ***pray for us.*** *Matthew and Mark,* ***pray for us.*** *Luke and All Saints,* ***pray for us. All you holy men and women, pray for us.***

Lord, be merciful, ***save your people.*** *From all evil,* ***save your people.*** *From every sin,* ***save your people.*** *From everlasting death,* ***save your people.*** *By your incarnation,* ***save your people.*** *By your death and resurrection,* ***save your people.*** *By your gift of the spirit,* ***save your people.*** *Have mercy on us sinners,* ***save your people. Christ, hear us. Lord Jesus, hear our prayers.***

Lord, give your Spirit, ***hear our prayer.*** *To this chosen,* ***hear our prayer.*** *To serve your holy people,* ***hear our prayer.*** *O Jesus, Son of the living God,* ***hear our prayer.*** *Send your Spirit,* ***hear our prayer****. In its fullness,* ***hear our prayer.*** *On these your servants,* ***hear our prayer.*** *Who believe and profess you,* ***hear our prayer. Christ, hear us. Lord Jesus, hear our prayers.***

Lord, have mercy. ***Lord, have mercy.*** *Christ, have mercy.* ***Christ, have mercy.*** *Lord, have mercy.* ***Lord, have mercy. Amen.***

Hymn | *Veni creator spiritus*

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song.
Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

A period of silent prayer follows. The Archbishop stands with the assisting Bishops, stretching out her hands toward the Bishop-Elect who kneels before her, and prays:

We praise and glorify you, almighty God, because you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you, because you have given us your only Son Jesus Christ to be the Apostle and High Priest of our faith, and the Shepherd of our souls.

We thank you that by his death he has overcome death; and that, having ascended into heaven he has given his gifts abundantly to your people, making some, apostles; some, prophets; some, evangelists; some, pastors and teachers; to equip them for the work of ministry and to build up his Body.

And now we give you thanks that you have called Kathryn to share in the ministry entrusted to your Church.

The Archbishop and other Bishops lay their hands on the head of the Bishop-Elect, and the Archbishop prays:

Send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant Kathryn for the office and work of a bishop in your Church.

The Archbishop continues to pray:

Almighty Father, fill this your servant with the grace and power which you gave to your apostles, that she may lead those committed to her charge in proclaiming the gospel of salvation. Through her, increase your Church, renew its ministry, and unite its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love. Enable her as a true shepherd to feed and govern your flock; make her wise as a teacher, and steadfast as a guardian of its faith and sacraments. Guide and direct her in presiding at the worship of your people. Give her humility, that she may use her authority to heal, not to hurt; to build up, not to destroy. Defend her from all evil, that, as a ruler over your household and an ambassador for Christ, she may stand before you blameless, and finally, with all your servants, enter your eternal joy.

Accept our prayers, most merciful God, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Archbishop anoints the hands and forehead of Bishop Kathryn with Chrism saying:

God has brought you to lead the priesthood of all believers as High Priest. May he pour out on you the mystical oil of anointing and the power of the Holy Spirit, to enrich you with spiritual blessings. May Jesus preserve you to lead and sanctify the Christian people and to offer spiritual sacrifices to God.

The new bishop is vested according to the order of bishops.

The new bishop is presented with a Bible by the Archbishop, with the following words:

Here are words of eternal life. Take them for your guide and, with all the baptized, proclaim them to the world.

The new bishop is presented with a pastoral staff by the Primate, with the following words:

Kathryn, I welcome you as a Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada and as a Bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion. Shepherd the flock of Christ with wisdom and compassion, and do not forget the trust committed to you as a bishop in the Church of God.

The Installation

All stand. The Metropolitan, accompanied by the Dean and the Chancellor, conducts the newly consecrated bishop to the Cathedra. As she is seated, the Dean says the following:

In the name of this Cathedral Church and on behalf of the people of this Diocese, I install you, Bishop Kathryn in the chair appointed to your office. May the Lord stir up in you the flame of holy charity and the power of faith that is trustworthy and true. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Archbishop then presents the new bishop, saying:

I present Kathryn, bishop in the Church of God.

All greet the new bishop.

Bishop Kathryn makes some personal comments before saying:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn 433 | *Lord, you give the great commission*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy, whose love has never slackened nor ever shall, heal our sight with the gift of faith, that we may behold your Son in the mystery of this table. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name. *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motet | *Until all are fed* | *Sally Morris and Bryan McFarland*

How long will we sing? How long will we pray? How long will we write and send? How long will we bring? How long will we stay? How long will we make amends? Until all are fed we cry out! Until all on earth have bread. Like the One who loves us each and every one we serve until all are fed. How long will we talk? How long will we prod? How long must we fret and hoard? How long will we walk to tear down this facade? How long, how long, O lord? On the green, green grass they gathered long ago to hear what the Master said. What they had they shared some fishes and some loaves, they served until all were fed.

Hymn 505 | *Be thou my vision*

Hymn 458 | *Seek ye first*

Motet | *The Lord bless you and keep you* | *John Rutter*

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

The Sending of the Community

After Communion

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the body and blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your word and sacraments. We pray that Kathryn may be to us a godly example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with her, may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Episcopal Blessing

Bishop Kathryn blesses the people:

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,
from this time forth for evermore.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may abound in hope through faith in Christ Jesus. And the blessing of God, Creator, Word, and Spirit be with you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Hymn 444 | *Your hand, O God, has guided*

Postlude | *Toccata in F (BWV 540)* | *J.S. Bach*

All are welcome to a festive reception in the Great Hall following the service.

Thank You

Bishop Kathryn offers her gratitude to those who contributed to her episcopal regalia and to those who vested her and presented the symbols of office:

Stole | Derek and Benjamin MacKinnon
| For Heather McCarthy, Colleen McCluskey-Douse
Cope | Gerald, Anthony and John Otley
Ring | Carolyn Otley
Cross | Catrina Tapley

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